

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Watershed Development Project
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Watershed Development Project takes care of shortage of drinking water ;
- (b) if so, the number of such projects approved during the last three years and the current year State-wise; and
- (c) the present status of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources is implementing mainly three programmes, namely, Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for development/treatment of wastelands/degraded lands. The watershed development projects under these Programmes also aim at taking care of shortage of drinking water by undertaking soil and moisture conservation works/water harvesting structures etc. in the project areas under the Guidelines for Watershed Development.

The number of watershed development projects sanctioned under IWDP, DPAP and DDP during the last three years (1998-99 to 2000-01) and the current year (2001-02 upto 22.02.02), State-wise, are given in the Statement. These ongoing projects are under implementation at various stages in the States.